

FAST TRAIN
HITS SLOWERTwo Killed on New York
Central R. R. Today

ENGINEER AND FIREMAN

Twentieth Century Limited Crashed into
Freight Train and Was Wrecked.
None of the Passengers
Seriously Injured.

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 25.—In the wrecking of the Twentieth Century Limited train on the New York Central railroad this morning, two lives were lost, the victims being employees of the company. They are the engineer, John Seaton, whose home was in Syracuse, and his fireman. They were killed outright and died shortly after the accident. None of the passengers on the train was seriously injured. The accident happened near St. Johnsville and was caused by the collision with a freight train, which was crashed into by the express train when it entered an open block.

PRICES CONSIDERABLY
LOWERED BY STRIKE

Four Per Cent. Decline on Some Commodities—Butter Dropped from 35 to 30 Cents—Packing Trust Soon to Be Investigated.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The federal grand jury will not begin the investigation of the packing trust until late this afternoon or tomorrow, the federal district attorney having instructions from Washington to first get the calendar cases out of the way. It will probably be six weeks before the jury reports. The most strikes have won the first skirmish for lower prices. Radical reductions along many lines are already announced here and further declines are expected. In butter, eggs, potatoes, pork and beef, there is a four per cent. decline, and the provision market in general. Butter has dropped from 35 to 30 cents.

MUCH WATER IN PARIS.

Threatens to Undermine the Streets and
Sidewalks.

Paris, Jan. 25.—At two o'clock this morning the water, which was rushing through the tunnel under the Quai d'Orsay station, burst through the roadway and flooded the streets, including the Rue de la Harpe, the Rue de la Vierge, and the Rue de la Chapelle, on which there are many aristocratic residences. The sidewalks are likely to cave in at any time. Those who occupied the houses were hastily awakened and hurried to a place of safety.

At 5:30 this morning the flood from the Quai d'Orsay station extended to the Rue de la Harpe, the Rue de la Vierge, and the Rue de la Chapelle. It is estimated that the houses in the outskirts of Paris number at least 5,000. Four soldiers have been drowned at Villeneuve and three at Alfortville, while engaged in rescue work.

LYNN TANNERY
BURNED TODAY

Loss on Barry & Kerr's Plant was \$30,000. Fire Caused by Overheated Stove on Boilers.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 25.—The tannery of Barry & Kerr was destroyed by fire this morning with a loss of \$30,000. The building in which the tannery was located was owned by W. O. Faulkner and was badly damaged, while the entire stock of leather was destroyed. The cause of the fire was overheated dust over the boilers in the tannery.

BALLOON MEDAL AWARDED.

TO H. H. Clayton of Canton, Mass., for
His Long Trip.

Boston, Mass., Jan. 25.—At a meeting of the Aero club of New England yesterday a trophy offered by a Boston newspaper to the pilot of a balloon—diligent and aerophile excepted—making during the year of 1909 a landing near the center of Boston Common, after starting not less than forty miles away, was awarded to H. H. Clayton of Canton, Mass. During the past summer Mr. Clayton made a flight forty miles from Fitchburg to Winchester, landing within six miles of Boston Common.

AGED MAN A SUICIDE.

Henry Bradley, Aged 67, Shot Himself
at Springfield, Mass.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 25.—Henry Bradley, aged 67, shot himself in the head with a revolver yesterday in the basement of his home, 608 Sumner avenue. Mr. Bradley, who is a retired business man, disappeared shortly before noon and a search was made in the neighborhood, which resulted in finding the body in the basement early last evening. Dr. A. Bates, medical examiner, said death must have been instantaneous.

Mr. Bradley had been dependent of late. He was born in Oxford, Conn. June 18, 1828, removing to Seymour, Conn., where most of his active life was spent in the grocery business. He was a selectman of the town 12 years.

AUTOMOBILE SKID
KILLED THREEAccident at Kansas City, Mo., Late Yesterday, Machine Going Over a
High Bank.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 25.—Three persons were killed and three probably fatally injured yesterday afternoon when a motor car owned and driven by John Mahoney, a contractor, of Kansas City, Mo., skidded at Cliff drive and Agnes avenue and plunged over an embankment 40 feet into what is known as Cliff drive canyon.

The dead are: John Mahoney, Mrs. John Mahoney and Thomas McElure. The injured are: John O'Connor, Nellie Mahoney and A. Mahoney, seven years old.

Mr. Mahoney was driving his car around a curve on Cliff drive, one of the most popular automobile boulevards of the city, when he momentarily lost control. The car skidded and before any of the six inmates could alight, the big machine went over the embankment. It is feared all the injured will die.

THREAD MILLS SHUT DOWN.

Twenty-five Hundred Lose Work with
J. & P. Coates.

Pawtucket, R. I., Jan. 25.—Twenty-five hundred textile workers were thrown out of employment yesterday when the five thread mills of J. & P. Coates, limited, were shut down for an indefinite period. Last Thursday 125 back boys and doffer strikers when they found that under the operation of the new 36-hour law they were to receive pay only for the 56 hours' weekly work actually performed. Previously they had worked 58 hours weekly and had received pay for 60 hours.

Yesterday when the operatives went to the mills, a large number of the boys assembled about the gates and dissuaded other boys from entering. Within an hour after the opening of the mills, the management announced the shutdown.

J. & P. Coates, limited, control a large proportion of the thread output of the country. The headquarters of the concern are in Glasgow.

ASK FOR REMOVAL
OF CATTLE DUTYUntil the Price of Beef Drops in United
States. Proposed by District of
Columbia Central Labor
Union.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The central labor union of the District of Columbia today sent to President Taft the most drastic proposal in the fight on meat prices, it being to have Congress remove the duty on cattle and hogs until the price of beef falls. It sets forth that while the packers claim that the high prices are due to the scarcity, beef and pork are being sold cheaper abroad than here. President Taft is devoting much time to the high prices question and will probably send a special message to Congress offering some solution.

MUST STAMP THEIR MAIL.

People on Rural Routes Cannot Drop
Pennies in Box Merely.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Persons living on rural free delivery routes must after February 10 stamp all outgoing matter mailed in their mail boxes. The post office department yesterday instructed all postmasters at rural delivery offices that it will not be sufficient, after the date named, to put money in the box to pay postage for matter deposited.

ASQUITH MAY LEAD

Government in England, Is Interpretation
Put on Report To-day.

London, Jan. 25.—The semi-official announcement to-day that Premier Asquith is arranging for a cabinet meeting this week is regarded as conclusive evidence that the premier will accept the post of leader of the government party. It is believed that, in any event, he will accept the reins at the outset. The leaders of the Liberals and Laborites were to-day in communication with John Redmond, head of the Irish Nationalists, regarding the position that party would take. It is learned from high political sources that Redmond told the Liberals that he would answer for all of the 95 Nationalists chosen except ten.

PRISONER UNCONCERNED.

All He Wanted to Know Was How Far
They Were to Travel.

Portsmouth, N. H., Jan. 25.—James A. Hall, the confessed slayer of Anna Schumaker in Rochester, N. Y., last August, was turned over to-day to Sheriff Giblette of Rochester and was started for Rochester on the morning train. The party will arrive there to-night. Hall was unconcerned and only asked how long the trip was.

HISGEN GOES WEST.

To Confer with Other Independent Oil
Interests.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 25.—Thomas L. Hisgen, president of the Independent Petroleum Marketers' association, left to-day for Minneapolis, where he will attend the executive committee meeting on Friday and Saturday. The committee will confer on the latest case against the Standard Oil company for damages under the Sherman act, which the Standard is charged with violating.

61st Anniversary Observed.

Franklin, Jan. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Simpson celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary yesterday.

THRUST BOARD
INTO WINDOWDaring Work Done by Burglars
at West Rutland

ROBBED LIQUOR STORE

They Stole Five Quarts of Whiskey
from Dennis Cope's Store, but Were
Frightened Before They Could
Seize Quantity of Brandy.

Rutland, Jan. 25.—Thieves broke into the second-class liquor store of Dennis Cope at West Rutland last night, gaining entrance by smashing a large window with a heavy board. They stole five quarts of whiskey. That they did not steal more was due to the fact that they were frightened away. There was a quantity of expensive brandy within easy reach, but this was saved by the store, which followed the attack on the window. The thieves escaped with their five quarts of whiskey, however.

BODIES BEING IDENTIFIED.

As They Are Brought Up From Wreck
in Spanish River.

Sudbury, Ont., Jan. 25.—The recovery of four bodies and the identification of two of the women found Sunday is the next result of yesterday's work at the scene of Friday's wreck at Spanish river bridge. A hatchel was found which belonged to D. S. Martin, a commercial traveler of Waterloo, Ont., and it is possible his name will be added to the list of dead.

The bodies recovered yesterday were identified. They were: Miss Agnes Mulroy, Cache Bay, Ont.; Henriksen, held ticket from Bergen, Norway, to Christiania, N. D.; Mrs. Kelley, wife of Joseph Kelley of Leavenworth, Wash.

Florence Kelley, 10-year-old daughter of Mrs. Kelley.

Bodies recovered Sunday and identified yesterday: Mrs. Newman, Ixerhuron, Ont.; Mrs. Loma Thomson, Little Current, Ont.

Father Chailion, the Roman Catholic priest, who was killed, had a letter of introduction in his pocket addressed to Father Currie at Blind River, Ont. This led to an identification of the body as that of Father Currie and the appearance of his name in several lists of the dead. Father Currie is safe at home at Blind River.

These changes and additions give a total of 37 known dead, all but four of whom have been identified. Martin's name will make 38. Statements by railroad officials early in the day placed the list of known at 31, but last night their figures were raised to 37. Apparently no consideration is taken of the immigrants, who were traveling on the colonist car. This coach was cut in two, one end dropping into the river and the other being destroyed by fire. The loss of life in the colonist car can only be estimated as the officials refuse to make any statement in regard to it. Ten is considered a conservative estimate.

The injured number 24, of whom three are in a serious condition. Conductor Reynolds has taken up 79 tickets on the trip, 72 of the holders, according to these figures, being killed or injured.

ESNEST I. MORGAN.

Burial of Well-Known Former Resident
in Windsor.

Windsor, Jan. 25.—The body of Ernest I. Morgan, a leading attorney of Worcester, was brought to this town Saturday for burial in Ascension cemetery, the Rev. C. F. Eshelbacher of the Old South Congregational church officiating.

Mr. Morgan will be remembered by many here, where he was a graduate from the Windsor high school and studied law with Gilbert A. Davis, his guardian. He was also a graduate of the university of Vermont and the Boston university law school. He has been a prominent city solicitor of Worcester, and assistant district attorney for Worcester county, Mass.

He is survived by a widow, who was Miss Florinda Melrose of this town, a son, Stewart C. Morgan, one sister, Mrs. Sarah C. Bagley of White River Junction, Vt., and three brothers, Henry of Windsor, and Ralph and Leland Morgan, both of Portland, Ore.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

Young Man Meets End Mysteriously in
Bellows Falls.

Bellows Falls, Jan. 25.—A strange and fatal accident happened Saturday night about 10 o'clock in the store of William Duffy, the Polish merchant.

Henry Schnel, a young man of about 20 years, was sitting on Duffy's having recently been in his employ. The young man went into another room and reached up and turned on the electricity, in some way receiving such a shock that he was instantly killed.

Mr. Duffy, seeing that something was wrong, caught hold of Schnel and received a severe shock himself. The cause of the accident is not known.

TO BRING RAILROAD TO TERMS.

Employees of Thirty-two Railroads East
of Mississippi to Decide Question.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 25.—National Organizer Post of the Brotherhood of Trainmen says he has decided to make a strike poll of the thirty-two railroads east of the Mississippi. If the majority favor it, he will be declared at once, unless the railroads accept the demands of the men for \$5.50 per day for road brakemen and \$4 for road conductors.

GOT MUCH CLOTHING.

Which Is Thought to Have Been Stolen
in Burlington.

Burlington, Jan. 25.—Chief of Police Russell, Sheriff Allen and State's Attorney Shaw returned late yesterday afternoon from a visit to the home of Marie Carey of Colchester, where they filed four bags with clothes, which were later placed in the jail for safe keeping. The Carey woman was arrested on Saturday, charged with grand larceny. It was thought that she was an accomplice of Lewis Horette, who was arrested on Friday night, charged with stealing from clothes lines and chicken coops.

The officers started for the Carey house yesterday morning and after arriving there commenced a search for clothes. They found clothes in all parts of the house, up-stairs and down, the articles being of every description. There were coats, bathing, pillow cases, wrappers, table cloths and aprons. Many of the pieces were mutilated, it being evident that the woman had torn off the marks of the owners. Some of the sheets were torn in two. It is not known how many pieces were collected, but the clothes filled four pillow cases.

Last fall many clothes lines in and about the city were raided. The offenders were Fred Drew and Frank Spear of South Burlington, Eugene Smith of Shelburne road, John Gladhus of South Union street, J. W. Coffey, Jacob Maynard and the hospital farm. These instances the lines were stripped clean.

These people and others who have had clothes stolen will be permitted to examine the booty found at the Carey house.

COMPANY ORDERED
TO PRODUCE BOOKSNew England Telephone Company Geta
Order from Vermont Public
Service Commission.

Rutland, Jan. 25.—Notice has been served on the New England Telephone company to produce certain books and papers here on February 8, for the hearing to be held before the Vermont public service commission on the complaint of State's Attorney Jones, charging discrimination in rates and poor service.

FLOOD HALTED FUNERAL.

Because Mourners Couldn't Reach House.
Body Taken Out by Boat.

Swanton, Jan. 25.—On account of the high water, the funeral of E. H. Hood could not be held at his house yesterday afternoon as planned. Instead, the body was ferried across the flood in a boat, and the funeral was held this afternoon in the Methodist church. The flood family were taken from home in a boat and are staying with friends.

Unusually high water prevails, the Mississippi overflowing its banks, particularly on the West Swanton road. Some of the houses, notably Jack Barry's, the Hood place and Mr. Mulharen's, are surrounded by water. The river began rising Saturday afternoon, starting the ice, and a big jam formed below the Hood place, sending the water back, submerging the lowlands and all the outbuildings of the Mississippi tract club. No serious damage has resulted thus far. The water reached its highest point Saturday night, but has receded somewhat since Sunday morning, owing to a partial breaking away of the jam below the Hood family. Saturday night, isolated as they were, with death in the house, and the river steadily rising and full of rushing ice. Once during the night a big cake of ice struck the house.

DEATH OF AGED MAN.

David E. Harriman Died in St. Johnsbury
Sunday Night.

St. Johnsbury, Jan. 25.—David E. Harriman, aged 87 years, died at his home on Harrison avenue, Sunday night, following a nine days' illness from heart trouble. He was born in Peacham, August 18, 1822, and has outlived all but two of a family of seven children, two brothers, Judge William Harriman of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Henry of Berda, Ill., surviving him. He had been a brass molder all his life. When young he learned the art of book-making from an aged man at Peacham and in his latter years he had devoted much time to this work and became prominent in the art.

He was a musician and a musical critic of ability. When 17 years of age a band was organized in Peacham and he taught himself to play the clarinet, as there was no one else to take that difficult part. He is survived by his wife and four children: Mrs. M. H. Wilcox of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Reuben C. Cheney of this place; Miss Kate E. Harriman of Kansas City, Mo.; and Harvey Harriman of Los Angeles, Cal. The funeral will be held on Thursday.

GIRL FELL WITH A LIGHTED LAMP.

Mabel Durfee of Cranston Dying in Hospital.

Providence, Jan. 25.—Miss Mabel Durfee, 12 years old, of 701 Dyers avenue, Cranston, is dying at the hospital here with burns she received when she fell down a long flight of stairs with a lighted lamp last night.

Miss Durfee was a pupil in the eighth grade at the new school building in Arlington and was popular among the children. The family formerly lived in Arlington, where the father was employed as a member on the night repair gang at the car barn. He is also a special policeman.

In his efforts to save his daughter, Durfee was severely burned. Mrs. Durfee, the girl's mother, collapsed when she heard her daughter scream for help.

WOMAN FELL DOWN STAIRS.

Miss Beattie A. Gattie Badly Hurt at
Bristol.

Bristol, Jan. 25.—Miss Beattie A. Gattie was severely injured by falling down stairs at the residence of L. C. Bain Sunday. A house in one arm was broken, and she was injured about the head and body. She was getting ready to return to her home in New Bedford, Mass., after visiting in Vergennes and Rutland.

TWO SKATED
INTO HOLEFrank M. Hathaway and Glenn
Jenniss Drowned

IN LAKE OFF ST. ALBANS

They Were Going from St. Albans Point
to St. Albans Bay After the Mail
Last Night, and Their Bodies
Were Found To-day.

St. Albans, Jan. 25.—Frank M. Hathaway of St. Albans point and Glenn Jenniss, a young man who was employed by Mr. Hathaway, were drowned in Lake Champlain last night while skating from their residence at the point to St. Albans Bay village after the mail. They left home at about half-past seven o'clock, and when they had not returned at 10:30 considerable alarm was felt, as there had been more than time enough to skate the six miles of the whole trip. Searching parties were out all night, but it was not until this morning that their two bodies were found off the Bay village.

The bodies were in the water between two fields of ice, and it was evident that they had skated into the water together, as they went along, holding a single wire shield. Mr. Hathaway had driven his horse over the same route only the day before, but since that time the wind had opened up the ice, and in the darkness of last night they failed to note their danger. The bodies were near together in the water, when found this forenoon at 8:30 o'clock. The place was just opposite W. B. Hallbert's store at the Bay village.

Mr. Hathaway was born and brought up at St. Albans point and leaves his wife and three young sons, also his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hathaway. Little is known of Mr. Jenniss, but he had worked for Mr. Hathaway but a short time. He came here from Northfield, where his widowed mother lives, together with several brothers and sisters.

ICE BREAKS AND
TWO BOYS DROWNDrowns in Hopewell Pond, Taunton.
Boy Companion and Policeman
Fail in Trying to
Rescue.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 25.—Eugene and James Wade, 11 and 8 years old, sons of Mr. and Mrs. James Wade of 60 Adams street, were drowned in Hopewell pond yesterday afternoon while playing on the ice. Martin Barry, a boy companion, who fell in while trying to rescue them, managed to get out. A brother of the two victims was also on the pond at the time and gave the alarm.

Owing to a case of measles in the Wade home, the boys did not attend school yesterday and instead went to play on the pond, the ice being thin and rotten. Both of the victims broke through the ice about the same time, and the Barry boy also broke through while attempting to pull them out.

Instead of going to the laundry nearby, the Wade boy ran in another direction to give the alarm, and the men got out. The boys, who did not learn of the accident until too late to do anything, were rescued by the police. Patrolman Joseph Laplante broke through the ice while trying to save the boys, but got out in safety. A boat was fully secured and Patrolman Laplante, Augustus Leonard and John Wilson recovered the bodies about where the accident occurred.

BELIEVE TWO
ARE DROWNEDEmpty Boat Found at Hampton, N. H.,
Miss Carbonneau and Merle
Flanders are Missing.

Hampton, N. H., Jan. 25.—Miss Rena Carbonneau, aged 20, of Boston and Merle Flanders, aged 19, of Hampton, are believed to have lost their lives while boating on Taylor's river. Miss Carbonneau came from Boston to Hampton Falls last summer with a party of boarders, and has since remained in this vicinity, working at various places, but usually making her home with the Flanders. Sunday she went boating on Taylor's river with young Flanders.

Neither has been seen since, although their boat, empty, floated in that night. Yesterday the flood tide brought in young Flanders' hat. The search for the bodies is being continued.

It is believed that the missing couple were flung out of their boat when the floating cakes of ice, which have dotted the river for several days, and was partly captured, making the occupants lose their balance.

VERMONT LIBRARY NOTES.

Short Statement of the Annual College
Conference.

Vermont college libraries represented in the New England College Library association are Middlebury college, university of Vermont, and Norwich university libraries. There is an annual conference held during the Thanksgiving or Christmas vacation at some one of the New England colleges. Last year it was held at Bowdoin college, and this year at Simmons college, Boston. The subjects for discussion this year were "Amount and kind of assistance given to college students in the use of the library," "Relations between the faculty and the library," and "How shall we encourage general cultural reading among students?" In connection with this last named problem, mention was made of the "Browning Corner" of Radcliffe college, which has met with much success among the students. Norwich university library has also exploited Dr. Eliot's "Five-foot shelf of books" with success.

STATE HEALTH BOARD
TAKES A HANDInspects Several Public Buildings in
Barre Relative to Their Equip-
ment with Fire Ex-
capes.

J. W. Voley of Burlington, engineer for the Vermont state board of health, was in this city this forenoon inspecting the public buildings in regard to fire escapes and the means of exit in case of fire. The engineer was sent here by the state board at the request of the local health officer, Dr. M. D. T. Ab, who, together with Fire Chief Gladding, went over the buildings with the engineer. This appeal to the state board was made because local influence had been unavailing in one or two instances to get proper fire escapes placed on some of the business blocks in the city.

For a long time the city council worked with the owners of the Blanchard block to get them to equip the building with proper escapes, but was totally unable to get anything satisfactory done, and a few months ago voted to drop it and let the state take action. This building, which is one of the highest and largest in the city, has no escapes on the outside of the building, but after the city council first took the matter up, the owners provided gang-planks to be run out of the fourth-story windows onto the opera house building and the Averill block. This the council thought was insufficient, and as they could not get anything better done decided to let the state take the question up, as has been done recently in Burlington and Rutland.

The inspector visited and looked over thoroughly every block in the city in which there is a hall or occupants on the third floor, and took down notes on conditions, which he will report to the state board, and the latter will then decide and order what shall be done by the owners of the blocks to be required in the public in cases of fire. Among the blocks visited were the Blanchard, L. M. Averill, Granite Savings bank, Bolster, both Miles' blocks, Scampini, Worthen, and the new Howard Bros. & Cave block.

WAS CIVIL WAR VETERAN.

Joseph Martin of Barre Who Dropped
Dead Yesterday.

Joseph Martin, who dropped dead of heart disease yesterday afternoon in Washington, was born January 31, 1847, in Henryville, P. Q. He was a veteran of the Civil war, having served in a New York regiment. He was a stone-mason by trade and had resided in Barre and vicinity for the past 20 years. When Mr. Martin left home yesterday morning to go to Washington to get a load of hay at a farm owned by Liberty Hall, of this city, he was not feeling well and Mrs. Martin tried to persuade him to stay at home, but he thought the sickness was only slight and would soon wear off. Mr. Hall accompanied him to Washington and they arrived at the farm about noon. Mr. Martin was on the hayrack standing the hay onto the sled to Mr. Hall when he suddenly called to Mr. Hall that he was feeling sick. Mr. Hall quickly climbed onto the sled and when he reached there Mr. Martin was breathing his last.

The remains were brought to the home at 123 Washington street last evening. He is survived by a wife and five children: Mrs. Joseph Parker, William and Joseph, Jr., and Mrs. W. S. Robbins of Barre and Mrs. M. G. McCleod of Jonesville.

He also leaves three brothers, Mosley, of Bristol, and Patrick, N. Y., and Edward, of Brookfield.

The funeral services will be held from the late home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, the Rev. E. O. Thayer, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating. The body will be placed in the receiving tomb in Elmwood cemetery for interment in the spring.

WATER MORE PLENTY.

Reservoirs at White River Junction Are
Filling Up.

White River Junction, Jan. 25.—The reservoirs of the Hartford Water company, which have proved inadequate during the last few weeks, have been greatly benefited by the recent thaw and the majority of the residents of this place have the usual supply of water. The capacity of the four reservoirs of this company is thirty million gallons. Owing to the bursting of a water main under the White River bridge, leading to that section of the village designated as the Point, residents of that part have as yet been unable to obtain water. However, it is expected that the main will now be replaced and all patrons of the company be supplied. It is now about three weeks since the residents of the Point have been obliged to melt snow, have water drawn from the river for washing purposes and purchase drinking water, or carry it from the main part of the Junction. West Lebanon, N. H., on the opposite bank of the Connecticut river and dependent on same for service of supply, has also suffered severely from lack of water.

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SAYS HE'S SANE,
ASKS RELEASERay Mullen, Mixed up in Sen-
sational Barre Case, Petitions
FOR HEARING ON SANITY

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He Was Found Not Guilty of Murdering
Fred Batchelder by Reason of
Insanity—Will Be Given a
Hearing Next Term.

Declaring that he has become sane, and is now sane, Ray Mullen, the Barre nurse who was found not guilty of murdering Fred Batchelder in this city by reason of insanity, has petitioned for release from confinement. Mullen was tried at the September term of Washington county court, 1906, and when the verdict of not guilty because of insanity was brought, he was taken to the state's prison in Windsor. That was in October, 1906, and Mullen has been confined in the state prison ever since, instead of at the state asylum for the insane.

Mullen declares that since his confinement at Windsor he has become of sound mind and that he would not be dangerous to the public to be at large. He therefore asks the court for a hearing to determine his sanity, and as he is not supplied with means he asks the state of Vermont to stand the expense of the hearing. In his petition for a hearing, he sets up that he was tried for the murder of Fred Batchelder by administering poison and that because he was declared not of sound mind by the state hospital authorities he was found not guilty.

The case was presented by S. Holister Jackson, who was then state's attorney for the county. It was alleged that Mullen, who was a professional nurse, gave poison to Batchelder by inserting it in a sandwich, which he offered Batchelder and which Batchelder ate. They were rooming in the same house on Jefferson street at the time, Mullen having come to Barre only a short time before that. His home was in Canada. Batchelder was a Plainfield boy and had come to Barre to work in the hardware store of C. W. Averill.

A chance will be given Mullen to prove his sanity, the hearing to be held at the March term of county court, at which Judge Butler will preside. Gilbert & Gilbert of Windsor and W. A. Lord of Montpelier have been retained by the petitioner.

"FREE SHOW" ON.

Trial of Man Charged with Mauling
Another Man.

The branch of the peace case against Peter Burtram is being tried in the city court this afternoon before the following jury: A. S. Jones, Charles Oliver, William L. Stowe, Alexander Cowie, William Scott and Robert Knox. Burtram was arrested Saturday by Officer Carle on a warrant charging him with an alleged assault on Joseph Jacques at the latter's home on River street. Edward DeForge was arrested on the same charge, and his case will probably be taken up later. The case has evidently aroused considerable interest as the crowd that was present when the hearing was started this afternoon packed the courtroom, and the corridor was crowded with people who wanted to get into the courtroom. The case is prosecuted by Grand Juror E. R. Davis and R. A. Hoar is counsel for the respondent.

THINKING IT OVER.

After Two Days of Continuous Confer-
ences, Manufacturers Rest.

After holding conferences with committees from all the places affected, the conference committee of the manufacturers' association is taking a day to think it over before making the next move. As a result, there is nothing doing to-day. J. B. Magnaghi of the manufacturers' conference committee was called to New York on business yesterday and he requested that H. J. M. Jones act in his place until such time as the association selected a man to fill the vacancy.

Montpelier branch, G. O. I. A., held a meeting this forenoon and prepared a statement to be presented to the Barre Manufacturers' association. They refused to give out the contents of the statement until the communication had been received by